

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 CANBER 01457 060752Z

12
ACTION PM-03

INFO OCT-01 EA-06 ISO-00 ACDA-05 OMB-01 CIAE-00 H-01

INR-07 L-02 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15

USIA-06 ERDA-05 /061 W
----- 043063

R 060703Z MAR 75
FM AMEMBASSY CANBERRA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5213
INFO SECDEF WASHDC
CJCS
CNO
CINCPAC HONOLULU HI
CINCPACFLT MAKALAPA HI

S E C R E T CANBERRA 1457

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
TAGS: MARR, MPOL, XO, AS, US
SUBJECT: INDIAN OCEAN DEPLOYMENT/CORAL SEA CELEBRATION

REF: STATE 046729

1. PROPOSED TASK FORCE VISIT HAS MERIT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CORAL SEA CELEBRATION AND THERE IS A RATHER GOOD CHANCE THAT GOA WILL APPROVE THE VISIT BUT WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT RAN VESSELS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR JOINT EXERCISES AT TIME OF PROPOSED VISIT. EMBASSY NOTES, HOWEVER, THAT WHITLAM ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO HIS INDIAN OCEAN ZONE OF PEACE CONCEPT AND MAY HAVE SOME RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE VISIT. WE WILL ONLY KNOW WHAT HIS REACTION WILL BE WHEN THE PROPOSAL IS PUT TO THE GOA. ON BALANCE, THE FACT THAT WE MAY PROPOSE THE VISIT OF A TASK FORCE HEADED BY USS CORAL SEA FOR THE CORAL SEA CELEBRATION SHOULD OVERCOME WHATEVER RESERVATIONS THE PRIME MINISTER MIGHT HAVE. THIS IS ESPECIALLY LIKELY IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT SUCH A VISIT WOULD BE WEL-

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 CANBER 01457 060752Z

COMED BY THE PEOPLE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA, WHO ATTACH GREAT

IMPORTANCE TO ANZUS AND HAVE WARM MEMORIES OF OUR
CLOSE NAVAL ASSOCIATION WITH THE STATE DURING WWII.

2. THE EMBASSY DOES NOT BELIEVE IT APPROPRIATE TO LINK
THE NPW ISSUE TO THE PROPOSED TASK FORCE VISIT, AT LEAST AT THE OUTSET.

WE HAVE APPROACHED THE GOA ON THE NPW ISSUE, AND BELIEVE
IT WILL TAKE SOME TIME TO SORT THIS OUT. IF THERE IS MOVE-
MENT ON THE NPW ISSUE PRIOR TO THE TASK FORCE VISIT WE COULD
THEN RECONSIDER THE QUESTION OF ADDING AN NPW TO THE GROUP.
HOWEVER, WE DO WONDER IF IT MIGHT NOT BE BETTER TO PROFIT
FROM THE FULL PUBLIC RELATIONS ASPECT OF THE VISIT RATHER THAN
HAVING THAT SPOILED BY INEVITABLE ANTI-NPW DEMONSTRATIONS.
THERE MAY BE MERIT IN PLANNING FIRST NPW VISIT FOR A SMALLER
PORT AT A LATER DATE.
HARROP

SECRET

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: MILITARY VISITS, NUCLEAR POWERED SHIPS, CORAL SEA, COMMEMORATIVE CELEBRATIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 06 MAR 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: MartinML
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975CANBER01457
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: X1
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750078-0463
From: CANBERRA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750377/aaaacrqq.tel
Line Count: 77
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION PM
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 75 STATE 046729
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: MartinML
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 02 JUL 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <02 JUL 2003 by ShawDG>; APPROVED <12 NOV 2003 by MartinML>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
05 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: INDIAN OCEAN DEPLOYMENT/CORAL SEA CELEBRATION
TAGS: MARR, MPOL, XO, AS, US
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006